

to get signatures. What kind of a...what kind of treatment is that of the constitution? I don't like it at all. I'm not going to support anything that changes our constitution as long as I'm on the floor from now on. We ought to have the right to petition, but it shouldn't be so easy that it changes it forever for those that follow us. So I say leave it alone. If I could get 25 votes to leave it alone for 50 years, I would do that, but obviously that won't happen, there's too many political axes to grind out there, too many of you want to satisfy some people that want to change the system, so it won't work. But I just caution you that for future generations you might solve some immediate political purpose by doing something like we're considering, changing constitutions, or changing petition drives, but leave it alone. It deserves to be left alone, let it work.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. Senator Chambers, Senator Chambers, you talked me out of it. My purpose in bringing this amendment was to get some legislative intent. I wanted to hear from those who opposed this legislation because I wanted them to state for the record that it was not their intent that this should ever happen. And I want you to know that I intend to withdraw the amendment and I am sorry that I've been labeled as a do-gooder because I don't think that's my intent at all. But I do think that we have decided and we've got it in legislation, we've got it in our record that it is not the intent of anybody to see this happen. So, with that, Mr. Speaker, I'd withdraw the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is withdraw.. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, back to Senator Beutler's amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Clerk, I'd withdraw that amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Wesely would move to amend, Mr. President. (Wesely amendment, AM1269, appears on page 1372 of the Legislative Journal.)